

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF COAL**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 26.07.2010**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**INDIGENOUS SUPPLY OF COAL .**

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT COAL be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that it would not be possible to meet the demand for coal in the country with indigenous resources;
- (b) if so, the percentage of demand of coal that has been met with the indigenous resources during the last three years; and
- (c) the reasons for not meeting the demand of coal with domestic production?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

(SRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The demand for coal as per Annual Plan 2009-10 vis-à-vis Indigenous production of coal and the percentage thereof during the last three years i.e. 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 is as under :-

( in million tones)

Years	Indigenous Availability	Coal Demand (%)	Percentage(
2007-08	457.08	492.50	93
2008-09	492.76	550.00	90
2009-10	532.06	604.33	88 (P)

(RE)

(P) stands for provisional figure.

(c) : The reasons for not meeting the demand for coal with domestic production are :

- (i) Limited indigenous availability of requisite quality and quantity of coking coal.
- (ii) Some power plants of coastal region, Industries including Sponge Iron plants import coal in view of stipulation of environmental regulation, locational advantages and for meeting there requirement above the level of supply received from indigenous sources.
- (iii) Coal evacuation problems in few subsidiaries of CIL particularly in CCL, MCL & SECL resulting in less supply to the consumers.